SUPPORT FOR DR. LAURENCE M. KLAUBER'S PROPOSALS FOR THE USE OF THE PLENARY POWERS TO VALIDATE THE TRIVIAL NAMES "ATROX" BAIRD & GIRARD, 1853, AS PUBLISHED IN THE COMBINATION "CROTALUS ATROX," AND "POLYSTICTA" COPE, 1865, AS PUBLISHED IN THE COMBINATION "CAUDISONA POLYSTICTA" (CLASS REPTILIA)

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(For the applications concerned, see 1952, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 6 : 234-236 and 236-238 respectively)

I think L. M. Klauber is correct in his contention that *Crotalus cinereous* antedates *Crotalus atrox* and also that *Crotalus multimaculatus* is the correct name for the snake now known as *Crotalus polystictus*.

However, *Crotalus atrox* and *Crotalus polystictus* have been used for many years. Changing the names would cause confusion. Therefore, I believe the Commission should place *Crotalus atrox* and *Crotalus polystictus* on the *Official List* and place *Crotalus cinereous* and *Crotalus multimaculatus* on the *Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Names*.

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I have recently received from Dr. L. M. Klauber two propositions :—

(1) The Case Z.N.(S.)523 of
Crotalus cinereous Le Conte *in* Hallowell, 1852, versus
Crotalus atrox Baird and Girard, 1853, and

(2) The Case Z.N.(S.)524 of
Crotalus multimaculatus Jan, 1863, versus
Crotalus polystictus (Cope), 1865.

I heartily concur in Dr. Klauber's proposals. These are the names that Dr. Hobart M. Smith and Taylor used in their work "An Annotated Checklist and Key to the Snakes of Mexico."

I heartily trust that the Commission will accept the proposals.